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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :

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Serial No.: PCT/JP01/03826 :

Filed: Herewith :

For: PRODUCTION MANAGEMENT :
 SYSTEM AND SYSTEM FOR :
 CHECKING OPERATING CONDITIONS :
 OF PRODUCT PROCESSING :
 APPARATUSES :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

- Paragraph beginning on page 8, line 15 has been amended as follows.

The information terminal 4a may be a personal computer, work station or the like; it is connected to the communications line 5 via a network interface. The information terminal 4a has a web browser 11, an FTP server 12, and an email client 13, as well as a memory 18. The web browser 11 can access the web server 34 of the product processing apparatus (2a through 2d). The web browser 11 uses IP addresses and the like to identify the product processing apparatus (2a through 2d) with which it is to communicate, and causes the display of HTML documents and the like stored in the web server 34 thereof. The FTP server 12 can send files to and receive files from the FTP client 36. The email client 13 can receive email from the email server (not shown in figure). The information terminal 4a also has a

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